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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pullman Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Pete Dickinson, Planning Director
Jason Radtke, Assistant Planner *JR*

FOR: Meeting of June 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission Business

DATE: June 6, 2016

The material below provides background information for the agenda items to be addressed by the HPC at its June 13 meeting.

1. Discuss a Draft Letter Soliciting National Register Property Owners to List Their Properties on the Local Register of Historic Properties.

During your meeting of May 9, as a result of the review of progress on your proposed 2016 goals, Commissioner Munch-Rotolo offered to draft a letter of solicitation inviting the owners of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places to nominate their properties to the Pullman Register of Historic Places. This draft letter is attached. At this time, staff asks that the Commission provide any comments or revisions you feel are necessary.

2. Discuss Preparations for the Guided Walking Tour Planned for This Fall.

Also during your May meeting, you decided to arrange a public guided walking tour. Commissioner Heatherly offered to contact the Regional Theater of the Palouse (RTOP) regarding costumes and possibly actors to portray historic characters; and the Brelsford WSU Visitor Center regarding use of the facility as a rendezvous for either before or after the tour, and potentially for a wine tasting.

The RTOP responded that while they have a number of period costumes on hand possibly to rent, they are not a repertory theater and therefore have no actors on staff. The Visitor Center replied that there may be fees for the use of the space; that they need a confirmed date and timeframe, and that they might be able to adjust their hours without a fee; that they would likely need anticipated attendance numbers; and that they recommend the inclusion of a student historic club, if one exists.

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At this time, staff would entertain further discussion of these items in order to move this project forward.

Attachment

City of Pullman Public Works & Planning Department letterhead

Friends of Gladish
115 NW State St Ste 12A
Pullman WA 99163

July 4, 2016

Dear Friends of Gladish Board of Directors:

As you may know, a property you own, Gladish Community & Cultural Center, has the honor of being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Completed in a series of construction phases that began in 1929, the collegiate gothic style Pullman High School is one of Pullman's most important historic assets.

Comment [AMR1]: Personalized paragraph, identifies property under consideration.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

Comment [AMR2]: This paragraph is plagiarized from the NPS website, which I believe is acceptable and accurate. If plagiarism is a concern, this paragraph could be prefaced with "According to the National Park Service".

The Pullman Historic Preservation Commission is currently engaged in an outreach effort to encourage owners of National Register-designated properties to list those properties on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. The purpose of Pullman's local historic preservation program is "to provide for the identification, evaluation, designation, and protection of significant historic and prehistoric resources within the city of Pullman and preserve and rehabilitate eligible historic properties for future generations through special valuation." Special valuation is a provision in state tax law that allows for lower valuation, for property tax purposes, of restored or rehabilitated historic properties.

Comment [AMR3]: The bulk of this paragraph is lifted directly from an article the HPC published in the Pullman Community Update. Here we are plagiarizing our own work, which I believe is also acceptable.

I write to inform you of Pullman's historic preservation program and to offer the assistance of Pullman's Historic Preservation Commission in listing Pullman High School (1929) on the Pullman Register of Historic Places. Designation on the local register is our community's principal mechanism for protecting resources like yours that reflect significant elements of Pullman's history.

I have enclosed a brochure that provides basic information about the Pullman Register of Historic Places and I also invite you to contact City of Pullman Planning Director Pete Dickinson at 338-3213 with any additional questions you may have. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your consideration.

Comment [AMR4]: I recognize Jason as our staff liaison, but thought reference to the Planning Director would add to the "legitimacy" of this letter. Easy to switch the names if others feel differently.

Yours truly,

Ned Warnick, Chair
City of Pullman Historic Preservation Commission

Comment [AMR5]: Ned has a number of professional certification initials which would normally follow his name, but I am not sure they would be appropriate in this context.

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